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## **News Release**

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# Durham Offers Contractor Licensing Requirements and Implementation Seminar

Free FY15-16 Seminar Series Designed to Support Small Business Growth

What: Contractor Licensing Requirements and Implementation Seminar

Who: City of Durham Equal Opportunity and Equity Assurance Department

When: Thursday, February 25, 2016, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: City Hall Council Chambers

101 City Hall Plaza, First Floor

Durham, N.C. 27701

### **Fast Facts:**

- This free seminar will provide an overview of the licensing process; basic requirements and
  the importance of contractor licensing; application process; types and levels of licensing;
  exam preparation; perils of operating without a license; and statutory licensing requirements
  for City of Durham projects.
- Presenters include Executive Director C. Frank Wiesner and Field Investigator Curtis Huff
  with the North Carolina Licensing Board for General Contractors and Construction Project
  Management Division Manager Robyn Heeks with the City of Durham General Services
  Department.

- Participants are asked to pre-register by completing the <u>online training request form</u> or by contacting Senior Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance Specialist Vincent Wingate by <u>email</u> or at (919) 560-4180, extension 17241.
- This <u>free seminar series</u> was developed by the City's Equal Opportunity and Equity
  Assurance Department to provide technical assistance services to local, small businesses
  for this fiscal year.
- Any person with a disability may receive an auxiliary aid or service to effectively participate
  in this event by contacting the City's ADA Coordinator at (919) 560-4197 or by email as
  soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the meeting.

### **About the Equal Opportunity and Equity Assurance Department**

The City of Durham Equal Opportunity and Equity Assurance Department is responsible for the implementation of the City's Equal Business Opportunity Program. Responsibilities include implementation of race and gender neutral measures to facilitate the participation of Small Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (SDBE) in City contracting activity, recruitment, certification, and maintenance of SDBE data bank, business development, City project compliance, monitoring, and reporting. Guided by the City's <a href="Strategic Plan">Strategic Plan</a>, the department ensures that its services support making Durham a great place to live, work, and play by focusing on a strong and diverse economy, assuring that City efforts are innovative and high-performing, and supporting the stewardship of the City's physical and environmental assets.

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